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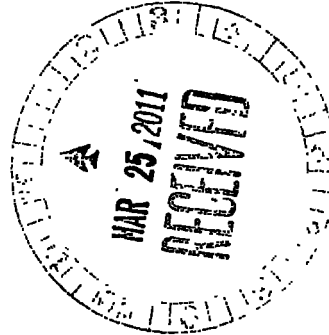
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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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Dear Ms. Brown:

SUBJECT: Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company
Abandonment Exemption in Ontonagon and Houghton Counties, Michigan
STB Docket No. AB-415 (Sub-No. 2X)

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby respectfully requests a 90-day extension of the railbanking period provided by your Decision of September 27, 2010. The DNR and Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad Company are continuing negotiations towards an agreement, and expect to complete an agreement within 90 days.

Should you require further information, please contact Mr. Roger Storm, DNR Trailway Acquisition Specialist, at 517-335-3258; or DNR, P.O. Box 30445, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948; or you may contact me.

Sincerely,

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517-373-1276

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